

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DELIVERING FLUIDS TO
CONTACT SURFACES BETWEEN PARTS OF A MEDICAL DEVICE**

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 An apparatus and method for delivering fluids to contact areas between parts in a
medical device having two or more parts is disclosed. A plurality of projections are placed
on the contact area, and, when fluid is applied to the medical device, more fluid flows
10 around the projections than through the material from which the medical device is made.
The medical device can be, for example, a scissors, a forceps, a holder, a hemostat, or a
rongeur. The fluid can be a cleaning fluid, a rinsing fluid, a scrubbing fluid, or a
germicide. The cleaning, rinsing, scrubbing, disinfecting, or sterilizing may be done in a
vessel at ambient pressure or reduced pressure. During the contacting, more fluid flows
15 around the projections than through the material from which the medical device is made.

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